

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Disciplinary action against Sri G.Mallikarjuna Rao, FRO(Retd.) formerly held charge as FRO, Pathapatnam Range of Srikakulam Division- Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991-findings received -Imposing punishment of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of (2) two years against the Charged Officer - Final Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 21

Dated: 21-02-2017

Read the following:

- 1.From the Prl.CCF Lr.No. 46583/2008/K1,Dated: 21-05-2014,
2. G.M.No. 3612/Sec.IV/A1/2014,dt.02.01.2015.
- 3.From the Prl.CCF ,Ref.No.46583/2008/Vig-1,Dt:17-04-2015.
- 4.G.M. No. 3612/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt. 07.01.2016.
5. From the Prl.CCF ,Ref.No.46583/2008/A&DC-1,Dt:12-01-2017.
6. Govt. Lr. No. 3612/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt. 20.01.2017.
7. From the APPSC, Lr. No. 132/DC&C/2/2017, dt.01.02.2017.

Order:

In the reference 1st read above, the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF has informed that Article of Charge was issued to Sri G.Mallikarjuna Rao, FRO(Retd) formerly held charge as Forest Range Officer, Pathapatnam Range of Srikakulam Division, vide Rc.No.46583/2008/P3,dt: 28.06.2010on the following count:-

Article 1. That he has failed to supervise the subordinates in assessing the valuation of trees under land acquisition of BRR Vamsadhara Project in Sy.No.135/4,135/9 and 135/10 of Anthili village of Hiramandalam of Pathapatnam Range due to which the valuation of trees were escalated at higher rate, causing loss of Rs.3,35,509/- to the Government exchequer being the excess amount of compensation to be paid to the acquired land owners.

Article 2. That he has submitted false report in respect of Sy. No.135/10 duly adding 10 extra trees to the revenue officials causing loss to the Government being the excess amount of compensation to be paid to the acquired land owners.

Article 3. That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty in not obeying the orders of superiors and kept them in dark about the real facts which caused embarrassment to the department.

2. The charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 29.10.2008 and submitted his explanation on 17.09.2010. Not satisfied with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Principal chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF has appointed Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forest Officer Srikakulam as Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer respectively vide Ref. No.46583/2008/P3 dt: 31.07.2010 for conducting regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer has submitted his findings vide CF, VSP Rc.No. 10077/2008/M8,dt:28.09.2011 in which he held the Charges proved. The Inquiry Officer findings were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF Rc No. 46583/2008/K1,dt: 11-11-2011 for his further defense. But the Charged Officer though acknowledged the notice in 21.12.2011,but failed to submit his further defense so far. It was presumed that he had no further defense or new facts to offer in the matter.

4. Sri G. Mallikarjuna Rao, FRO retired from the Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2010. Hence, disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF and material made available observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer were held proved and it was provisionally decided to impose punishment of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of (2) two years against the Charged Officer Sri G. Mallikarjuna Rao, FRO (Retd.) formerly held charge as Forest Range Officer, Pathapatnam Range of Srikakulam Division, Under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF vide ref. 5th read above has informed that, the Charged Officer did not submit his further defense statement within the stipulated time to the Show Cause Notice. Hence, it is presumed that the charged officer does not have any new facts to justify his position.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of (2) two years against the retired Charged Officer Sri G. Mallikarjuna Rao, FRO (Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Guntur is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur. (with original record File No.10077/08/M8)
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.132/DC&C/2/2017, dt.01.02.2017).

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER